U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Įą.

C

خظ

Ľ.

ũ

T.

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

019417-003710US Attorney Docket No. Karpoff, Wayne First Inventor STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION SYSTEM AND METHODS Title

Express Mail Label No. EL 823671690US (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) Assistant Commissioner for Patents **APPLICATION ELEMENTS** ADDRESS TO **Box Patent Application** Washington, DC 20231 See MPEP chapter 600 concerning design patent application contents. 7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) Computer Program (Appendix) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission 2. 🔯 Applicant claims small entity status. (if applicable, all necessary) See 37 CFR 1.27. з. 🛛 Specification [Total Pages a. Computer Readable Form (CRF) (preferred arrangement set forth below) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or Descriptive title of the Invention - Cross References to Related Applications ii. paper number of pages - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D c. Statements verifying identity of above copies - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS** - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) 10. 37 C.F.R.§3.73(b)Statement Power of - Detailed Description (when there is an assignee) Attorney - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure English Translation Document (if applicable) 11. 🔲 Copies of IDS [Total Sheets 5 12. Information Disclosure 4. 🔯 Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C.113)] Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations 5. Oath or Declaration (Unsigned) (Total Pages 13. Preliminary Amendment a. Newly executed (original or copy) 14. 🔯 Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) (Should be specifically itemized) (for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (if foreign priority is claimed) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) 16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). or its equivalent 6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 17. Other: 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: of prior application No: ___ ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) □ Divisional □ Continuation Prior application information: Group Art Unit: Examiner For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Correspondence address below ☑ Customer Number or Bar Code Label (Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here) Name Address City State Zip Code Fax Telephone Country Gerald T. Gray Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 41,797 Name (Print/Type)

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

Date

01/11/02

Signature